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The constant changes must be noticed and the statements corrected up to a late date, so that frequent editions of such a book are necessary. This one contains not only additions to the matter and references to the recently decided cases, but also the references to all the regular reports of each case, new or old, so far as is practicable, thus greatly increasing the facility of reference.

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A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF BUILDING AND BUILDINGS. By G. Partlett Lloyd. Second edition, revised and enlarged. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin, & Co. 1894. pp. l. 537.

The first edition of this book seems to have met with success and the second now appears, brought down to date. While there is, of course, no law of Buildings in the sense in which there is a law of Torts or of Partnership, there is a great body of law here collected, so that one who has to do with buildings or their construction can turn readily to the authorities upon all the points which would naturally be raised in the course of such business. Mr. Lloyd has shown successful industry in bringing this law into a shape convenient for ready reference, and this edition should prove to be a good tool to work with.

On the settled points of law it would seem that the statements contained in it may safely be relied upon, but an examination of the author's statements of disputed points, such as the law of *Fletcher v. Rylands*, covenants (such as party-wall agreements) running with the fee, and others, indicates that a slight overconfidence in the unanimity of the courts of different States has led to an attempt to consolidate jarring decisions and so to obscurity. Either a bad instance of this or an exception to the general accuracy is the statement of the law of fixtures, which is bad to the core. This, while not vital in a book which deals principally with construction, mechanics' liens, and the like, might well be corrected in future editions. But these places are few, and in the body of the book plain and accurate statements are the rule.

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A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF LIENS, COMMON LAW, STATUTORY, EQUITABLE, AND MARITIME. By Leonard A. Jones. Second edition, revised and enlarged. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin, & Co. 1894. 2 vols. 8vo. pp. xcix. 703, 770.

This treatise first appeared six years ago, as the last of the author's admirable series on the general subject of property securities. The seven volumes which comprise the series — four on mortgages, one on pledges, and two on liens — constitute a most comprehensive and judicious treatment of this branch of the law, of which Mr. Jones is now regarded as the ablest expounder.

The new edition of this treatise on liens is timely. The classification is precisely the same. Much new matter has been added to the text relating to mechanics' liens, and over twelve hundred new cases cited on this one topic. The arrangement of the authorities by States in alphabetical order, both in the text and notes, affords an easy and ready reference to those who consult them. In 1893 the law of liens was changed in no less than fifteen States, and it is because of this frequency of legislation that the present edition will be welcomed. Owing to minor changes, the size of the work is not materially increased.

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